

REMARKS

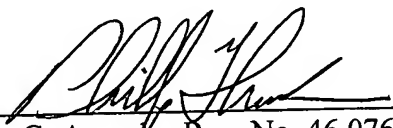
On October 27, 2004, the Applicants filed an Amendment After Final in which claim 13 was canceled, claims 11, 12, 14 and 15 were amended, and a new claim 21 was added. At this time, Applicants wish to cancel new claim 21. The cancellation is without prejudice to or waiver of the subject matter recited therein. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested, prior to any further examination of the application, to enter the claims as further amended in **Amendments to the Claims** section beginning on page 2 above.

The Applicants believe that considering the claims as further amended herein, the Examiner will find that no new search of the prior art is necessary, and therefore, that entry of the Amendment pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116 is appropriate. It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment, as modified herein, places the application in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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